



## 2017 ELK POPULATION STATUS BY ELK ZONE



Elk populations fluctuate constantly in response to weather, predation, land management actions, fire events, invasive species, private land use, and development. To maintain elk hunting experiences desired by sportsmen, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game manages herds within desired ranges by adjusting hunting seasons and hunter numbers to provide high quality hunting opportunities, maintain availability of general season hunts with over-the-counter tag

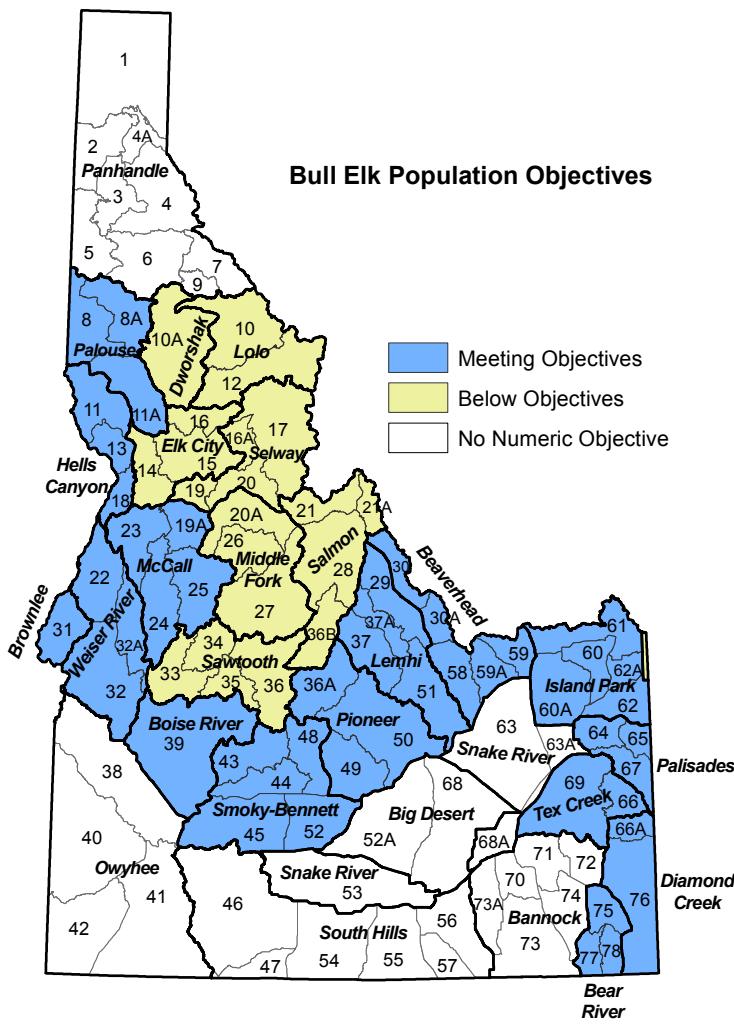
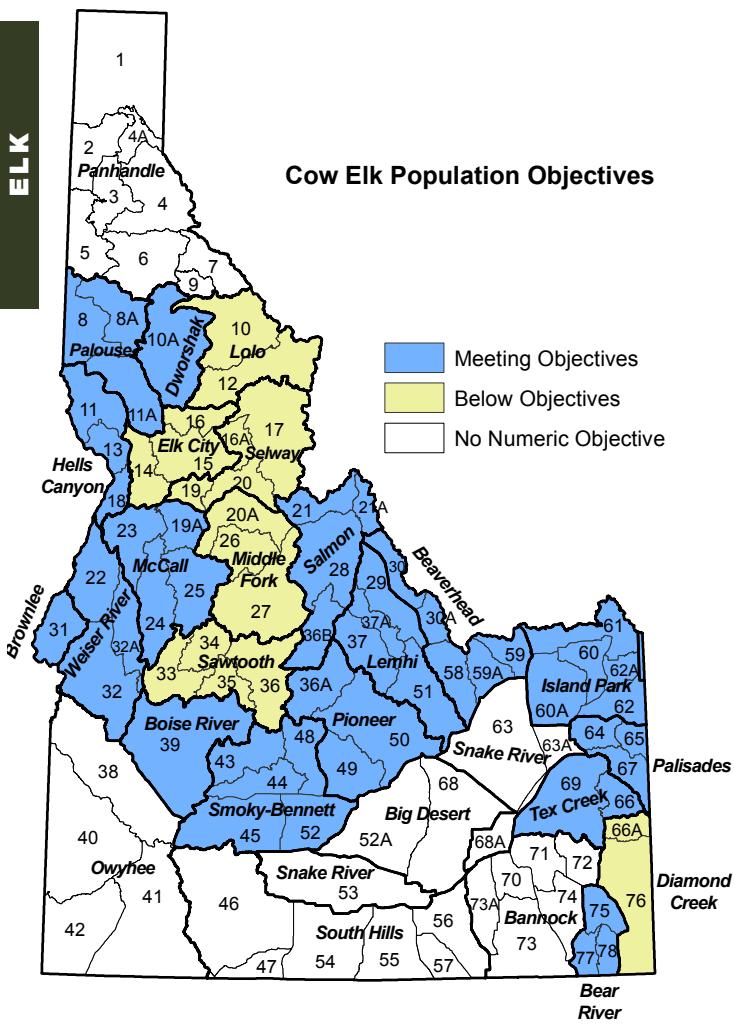
sales, and minimize conflicts with agriculture. Fish and Game also works closely with land managers and private landowners to ensure the existence of high quality elk habitat throughout the state. In 2014 we modified the boundaries of a few elk zones to better match up with elk populations and their seasonal movements.

Elk herds currently meet or exceed management objectives in 16 of 22 elk management zones with established numeric objectives for number of cow elk, and in 15 of 22 zones with set objectives for number of bull elk. Hunting opportunities in these zones range from trophy quality bull hunts to "extra" cow hunts. In the handful of zones that are not currently meeting our objectives, we are working hard to improve elk survival and increase the populations by reducing or eliminating cow harvest, adjusting bull harvest, and intensively managing predators to reduce the impacts of predation on those herds.

Changing conditions and management challenges have always been part of the landscape, but with responsive management and more than 107,000 elk, Idaho continues to provide an incredible variety of excellent elk hunting opportunities desired by sportsmen.

For additional information on elk management objectives and hunter success rates, please visit our website at:  
<https://idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/elk>.

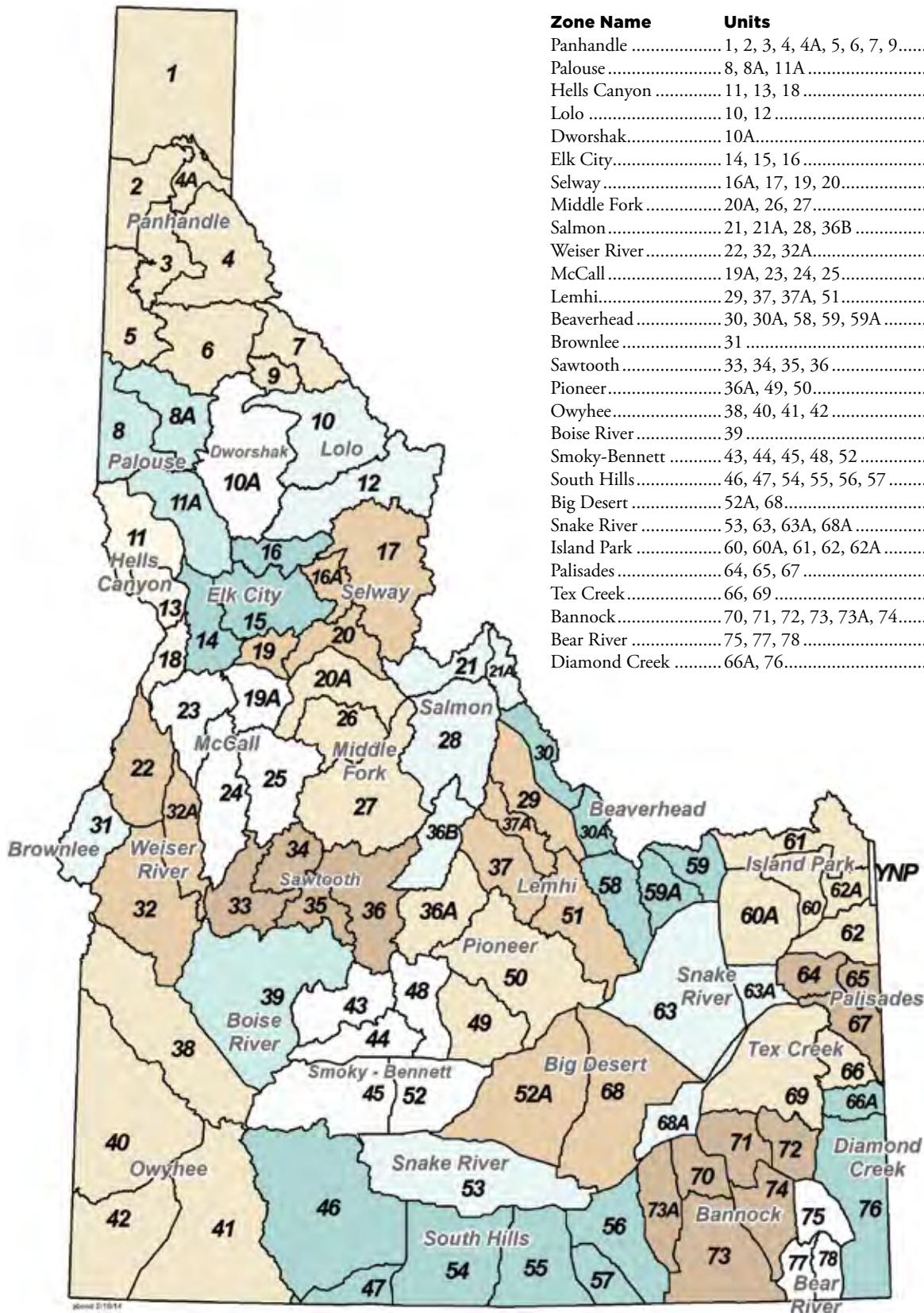
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## 2017 & 2018 ELK HUNTING SEASONS

Elk hunting is managed in 28 elk zones. Idaho has a two-tag system to offer elk hunters the most general season choices. Hunters may select one zone and choose either an "A tag" or a "B tag" for that zone. A few zones offer only an A tag.

In general, A tags provide more opportunity for muzzleloader and archery hunters, and B tags provide more opportunity for centerfire rifle hunters.

Controlled hunts, allocated by random drawing, are also available in most of the state. Any person who receives a controlled hunt tag for elk is prohibited from hunting in any other elk hunt, **except** for depredation hunts, extra antlerless elk hunts or by buying a leftover nonresident elk tag, if available.

**Unsold Nonresident Tags:** Residents or nonresidents may buy one unsold nonresident general season deer and elk tag at the nonresident price, starting August 1, to be used as a second tag.

**Antlered elk:** Only elk with at least one antler longer than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlered elk only. In antlered seasons, including spike-only, antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit.

**Antlerless elk:** Only elk without antlers or with antlers shorter than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlerless elk only.

**Spike elk:** Only elk with no branching on either antler and at least one antler longer than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for spike elk only. A branch is an antler projection at least 1 inch long and longer than the width of the projection.

**Brow-tined elk:** Only elk having at least one antler with a visible point on the lower half of the main beam which is 4 inches or greater in length may be taken in any season open for brow-tined elk only.

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### Archery & Muzzleloader Permits

Any person hunting in an "archery only" season, including controlled hunts, must have their license with archery permit validation. Any person hunting in a "muzzleloader" only season, including controlled hunts, must have their license with muzzleloader permit validation.

**Youth Only Hunt:** Some elk hunts are for youth only. See page 105 for more information.

### Junior Resident General Elk Tag

Junior resident elk hunters who purchase a general season elk zone tag while they are between ages 10 and 17, inclusive, may participate in any A or B tag elk season within the specified zone, regardless of whether they purchased an A tag or B tag. All other season, weapon restrictions, and commission rules apply. Controlled hunts are excluded.

### Nonresident Deer and Elk Tags

Nonresident deer and elk tags, excluding Nonresident Junior Mentored/DAV deer and elk tags, are valid to take a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf instead of a deer or elk, if a season is open for that species, where and when the deer or elk tag is valid, and if there is an open deer or elk season in that same unit.

See page 110.

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** See page 31 for more information.



#### Legal in spike elk hunts

#### SPIKE ELK

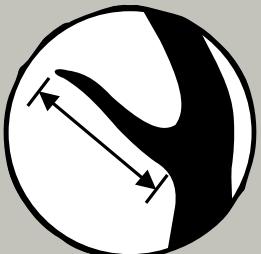
One antler must be at least 6 inches or longer. (Not legal in brow-tined elk hunts.)



#### Not legal in spike elk hunts or brow-tined elk hunts

#### BRANCH ANTLERED BULL (or larger)

Not legal for spike-only hunts if branched point is longer than 1 inch.



Antler branch is a projection 1 inch or more in length.



#### Legal in brow-tined elk hunts

#### *Caution - Archers and Muzzleloaders:*

"Any weapon" hunts will be open during the archery or muzzleloader season in all or parts of the following zones: Palouse, Salmon, Weiser River, McCall, Lemhi, Beaverhead, Brownlee, Pioneer, Boise River, Smoky-Bennett and South Hills. Please use appropriate caution.

Panhandle Zone (Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9)				
	September	October	November	December
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — antlered only Sep 6 - Sep 30	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered only Oct 25 - Oct 29	<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — antlered only Units 4, 7 & 9 only Nov 20 - Dec 1	<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — antlerless only Within 1 mile of private land in the following Units: 1, 2, 3, 4A & 5 only Dec 2 - Dec 8
	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Within 1 mile of private land in the following Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5 & 6 only See Note A below Sep 15 - Sep 21			<b>Archery only</b> — antlered only Dec 10 - Dec 16
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — antlered only Sep 6 - Sep 12	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered only Oct 10 - Oct 24  <b>Any weapon</b> — any elk Within 1 mile of private land in the following Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5 & 6 only See Note A below Oct 15 - Oct 17		<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — antlerless only Within 1 mile of private land in the following Units: 1, 2, 3, 4A & 5 only Dec 2 - Dec 8
<b>Note A</b>	That portion of Unit 4 within the following boundary: starting at the junction of State Highway 97 and State Highway 3 near Harrison, then north on State Highway 3 to Interstate 90, then East on Interstate 90 to Kingston, then north and east on Forest Service Road 9 to the Montana border, and then follow the Unit 4 boundary to the point of beginning.			
Palouse Zone (Units 8, 8A, 11A)				
	August/September	October	November	December
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless only Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45 Aug 1 - Sep 15			<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — spike or antlerless Unit 8A only Dec 2 - Dec 14
	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution Page 34			
<b>B Tag</b>		<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered only Oct 10 - Oct 24		
		<b>Any weapon</b> — any elk Oct 15 - Oct 21 Private Lands only, excluding corporate timber lands		

<b>Hells Canyon Zone (Units 11, 13, 18) — Controlled Hunts Only</b>					
A Tag	<b>No A Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
B Tag	<b>No A Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
<b>Lolo Zone (Units 10, 12)</b>					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Aug 30 - Sep 30				
					2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016.
					2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.
<b>B Tag</b>					
					<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 10 - Nov 3
					2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016.
					2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.
<b>Dworschak Zone (Unit 10A)</b>					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30				
					<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — spike or antlerless: Dec 2 - Dec 5 spike <b>only</b> : Dec 6 - Dec 14
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — spike or antlerless Aug 30 - Sep 14				
					<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 10 - Nov 3
					2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016.
					2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.

Elk City Zone (Units 14, 15, 16)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Unit 15 only Aug 30 - Sep 30		Muzzleloader only — spike or antlerless Units 14 & 16 only Nov 21 - Dec 9	Archery only — any elk Unit 15 only Dec 5 - Dec 20	
B Tag	Archery only — spike or antlerless Unit 15 only Aug 30 - Sep 14	Any weapon — antlered only Oct 10 - Oct 24		2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	
Selway Zone (Units 16A, 17, 19, 20)					
	September	October	November	December	
A Tag		Any weapon — antlered only Oct 1 - Oct 31		2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	
Note:	647 A Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served.				
B Tag	Any weapon — antlered only Sep 15 - Sep 30		Any weapon — antlered only Nov 1 - Nov 11	2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	
Middle Fork Zone (Units 20A, 26, 27)					
	September	October	November	December	
A Tag			Any weapon — Units 20A & 26: antlered only Unit 27: brow-tined bulls only Oct 1 - Oct 31	2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	
Note:	1,551 A Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served.				
B Tag	Any weapon — Units 20A & 26: antlered only Unit 27: brow-tined bulls only Sep 15 - Sep 30		Any weapon — Units 20A & 26: antlered only Unit 27: brow-tined bulls only Nov 1 - Nov 18	2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	
Note:	1,636 B Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served.				

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Salmon Zone (Units 21, 21A, 28, 36B)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless only Units 21A, 28 & 36B <b>only</b> Aug 1 - Sep 30 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45 <b>Archery only</b> — any elk Units 21, 21A & 36B <b>only</b> Aug 30 - Sep 30 <b>See archers caution Page 34</b>			<b>Archery only</b> — any elk <b>Unit 28 only</b> Dec 1 - Dec 31	
B Tag	<b>Note:</b> 2,507 B Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served. <b>See archers caution Page 34</b>		<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 15 - Nov 8		2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.
Weiser River Zone (Units 22, 32, 32A)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	<b>Short range weapons only</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Units 22 & 32A only: Aug 15 - Sep 30 Outside National Forest System Boundary <b>only</b> , See Note A below <b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 <b>See archers caution Page 34</b>	<b>Youth Hunt only</b> <b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Oct 1 - Oct 9 Short range weapons <b>only</b> on Montour WMA	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Oct 10 - Oct 24 Short range weapons <b>only</b> on Montour WMA		2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.
B Tag		<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 25 - Nov 3 Short range weapons <b>only</b> on Montour WMA	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Nov 4 - Nov 18 All of Unit 32 and those portions of Units 22 and 32A within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45, Short range weapons <b>only</b> on Montour WMA		2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.
Note A	<b>Note A</b> - You may hunt only outside the National Forest System Boundary. The National Forest System Boundary is a legislatively set boundary - it is not necessarily the boundary of Forest Service property. State, private, and other lands within the National Forest System Boundary are not open to hunting during this season. (Please refer to a U.S. Forest Service map for the location of this boundary.)				
Note A	<b>Note A</b> - Y				

McCall Zone (Units 19A, 23, 24, 25)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Short range weapons only</b> — antlerless only Units 23 & 24 <b>only</b> Outside National Forest System Boundary <b>only</b> , See Note A below Aug 15 - Sep 30 <i>Extremely limited access because of private property</i>  <b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 <b>See archers caution Page 34</b>	<b>Any weapon</b> — spike <b>only</b> Short range weapons <b>only</b> within described boundaries in Unit 24, See Note B below Oct 5 - Oct 14	<b>Short range weapons only</b> — antlerless only Units 23 & 24 <b>only</b> Nov 10 - Nov 30		
	<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 15 - Nov 3  Short range weapons <b>only</b> within described boundaries, See Note B below.			
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Note A</b> - You may hunt only outside the National Forest System property. State, private, and other lands within the National Forest System Boundary are not open to hunting during this season. (Please refer to a U.S. Forest Service map for the location of this boundary.)	<b>Note B</b> - Short range weapons only in that portion of Unit 24 within the following boundary: Beginning in McCall at the junction of State Highway 55 and Boydstun Street, then south on Boydstun Street to West Valley Road, then west and south along West Valley Road and West Mountain Road to Cabarton Road, then north on Cabarton Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to Farm-To-Market Road, then north on Farm-To-Market Road to Elo Road, then west on Elo Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to the point of beginning.	<b>Lemhi Zone (Units 29, 37, 37A, 51)</b>  <b>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103</b>	<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Nov 25 - Dec 9	
	<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Units 29, 37 & 37A <b>only</b> : Aug 1 - Sep 30 Unit 51 <b>only</b> : Aug 1 - Aug 29 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45  <b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 <b>See archers caution Page 34</b>		<b>Any weapon</b> — spike <b>only</b> Unit 37 <b>only</b> Nov 1 - Nov 7	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>

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Beaverhead Zone (Units 30, 30A, 58, 59, 59A) Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Unit 30 <b>only</b> : Aug 1 - Sep 30 Units 58, 59 & 59A <b>only</b> : Aug 1 - Aug 29 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45		Muzzleloader <b>only</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> Oct 15 - Oct 31		
	Archery <b>only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution <a href="#">Page 34</a>				
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
Brownlee Zone (Unit 31)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	Archery <b>only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution <a href="#">Page 34</a>				
	Short range weapons <b>only</b> — antlerless <b>only</b> , Aug 15 - Sep 30 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1 Page 45				
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
Sawtooth Zone (Units 33, 34, 35, 36)					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	Archery <b>only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30				
	<b>Note:</b> 566 A Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served. <b>Resident capped tag sales will be sold separately at vendors and online.</b> <i>For details see "What's New" on page 6.</i>	2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/12/2017 and Nonresidents 5/10/2017. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/12/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.			
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Note:</b> 1,526 B Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served. <b>Resident capped tag sales will be sold separately at vendors and online.</b> <i>For details see "What's New" on page 6.</i>				
	Any <b>weapon</b> — antlered <b>only</b> Oct 15 - Nov 8	2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/12/2017 and Nonresidents 5/10/2017. 2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/12/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.			

Pioneer Zone (Units 36A, 49, 50)					
Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103					
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	<p><b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless only Unit 36A only: Aug 1 - Sep 30 Unit 50 only: Aug 1 - Aug 29 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45</p> <p><b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution Page 34</p>		<p><b>Muzzleloader only</b> — antlerless only Nov 1 - Nov 14 Units 36A &amp; 50 only</p>		
B Tag	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
Owyhee Zone (Units 38, 40, 41, 42) — Controlled Hunts Only					
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	<b>No A Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
B Tag	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
Boise River Zone (Unit 39)					
	September	October	November	December	
A Tag			<p><b>Archery only</b> — any elk See Note A below, Nov 10 - Nov 30 See archers caution Page 34</p>		
B Tag			<p><b>Any weapon</b> — antlered only Portion of Unit closed, See Note B below, Nov 1 - Nov 9</p>		
Note A	<b>Unit 39 Archery Hunt CLOSED Area:</b> That portion of Unit 39 within Ada County, and that portion of Unit 39 within the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 21 and the Middle Fork Boise River Road (Forest Road 268), east on Forest Road 268 to Cottonwood Creek- Thorn Creek Road (Forest Road 377), to South Fork of Thorn Creek to confluence of Thorn Creek, north and west on Thorn Creek to the confluence with Mores Creek, south and west along the center of Mores Creek including the Mores Creek arm of Lucky Peak Reservoir to Highway 21 to the point of beginning is closed.				
Note B	<b>Portion of Unit 39 closed:</b> That portion of Unit 39 south and east of Blacks Creek Road and south of the South Fork of Boise River is closed.				

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<b>Smoky-Bennett Zone (Units 43, 44, 45, 48, 52)</b>				
Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 45 & 52, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103				
	August/September	October	November	
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Units 43 & 48 only Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution Page 34			December
B Tag	Muzzleloader only — antlerless only Units 45 & 52 only Sep 1 - Sep 14			
<b>South Hills Zone (Units 46, 47, 54, 55, 56, 57)</b>				
Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 47 & 56, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103				
	August/September	October	November	
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Units 55, 56 & 57 only Aug 30 - Sep 30 See archers caution Page 34		Muzzleloader only — antlerless only Unit 56 only Nov 1 - Nov 14 See muzzleloaders caution Page 34	December
B Tag	Any weapon — antlerless only Units 46, 47 & 54 only Aug 1 - Aug 29 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields outside National Forest System Boundary, See Note 1, Page 45			
<b>Big Desert Zone (Units 52A, 68)</b>				
Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 52A, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103				
	August/September	October	November	
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30		December	
B Tag	Archery only — any elk Unit 68 only: Aug 1 - Aug 30 Within 1 mile of private cultivated fields	No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts		

<b>Snake River Zone (Units 53, 63, 63A, 68A)</b>					
<b>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 53, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103</b>					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Unit 68A only: Aug 1 - Sep 30		<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless only Unit 63 only: Sep 1 - Dec 31 Short range weapons only on Mud Lake WMA		
	<b>Any weapon</b> — any elk Unit 63 only: Aug 1 - Aug 31 Short range weapons only on Mud Lake WMA		<b>Short range weapons only</b> — antlerless only Unit 63A only: Sep 1 - Nov 30		
	<b>Short range weapons only</b> — any elk Unit 63A only: Aug 1 - Aug 31		<b>Archery only</b> — antlerless only Unit 68A only: Oct 1 - Dec 31		
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
<b>Island Park Zone (Units 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A)</b>					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30	<b>Any weapon</b> — spike only Oct 15 - Oct 28 Short range weapons only on Chester Wetlands WMA		<b>Muzzleloader only</b> — spike or antlerless Unit 61 only Nov 11 - Dec 9	
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts</b>				
<b>Palisades Zone (Units 64, 65, 67)</b>					
	August/September	October	November	December	
<b>A Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30		<b>Any weapon</b> — antlerless only Oct 22 - Nov 16		
<b>B Tag</b>	<b>Archery only</b> — spike or antlerless Aug 30 - Sept 14	<b>Any weapon</b> — antlered only Oct 15 - Oct 21			

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<b>Tex Creek Zone (Units 66, 69)</b>				
<b>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103</b>				
	August/September	October	November	December
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30		Any weapon — antlerless only Oct 22 - Nov 16	
B Tag	Archery only — spike or antlerless Aug 30 - Sep 14	Any weapon — antlered only Oct 15 - Oct 21		

<b>Bannock Zone (Units 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74)</b>				
<b>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 70, 72 &amp; 73, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103</b>				
	August/September	October	November	December
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30		Any weapon — antlerless only Oct 25 - Nov 15	Muzzleloader only — antlerless only Dec 1 - Dec 31
B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts			

<b>Bear River Zone (Units 75, 77, 78)</b>				
<b>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103</b>				
	August/September	October	November	December
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30		Any weapon — antlerless only Oct 25 - Nov 15	Muzzleloader only — antlerless only Dec 1 - Dec 31
B Tag	Archery only — spike or antlerless Aug 30 - Sep 14	Any weapon — antlered only Oct 15 - Oct 24		
			2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016.	
			2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.	

Diamond Creek Zone (Units 66A, 76)					
	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, August 30 - December 31, See Pages 101 - 103				
	August/September	October	November	December	
A Tag	Archery only — any elk Aug 30 - Sep 30				
			2017 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2017 and Nonresidents 12/1/2016.		
Note:	1,836 A Tag Quota Available First-Come, First-Served.		2018 Capped tags go on sale for Residents 7/10/2018 and Nonresidents 12/1/2017.		
B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone — See Controlled Hunts				

## ELK GENERAL SEASON SPECIAL AREA DESCRIPTIONS

- **Note 1 — Outside the National Forest System Boundary in Palouse, Salmon, Weiser River, Lemhi, Beaverhead, Brownlee, Pioneer and South Hills Zones:**  
 — Antlerless Hunts: These hunts are open only outside the National Forest System Boundary within 1 mile of private fields on which cultivated crops are currently growing. The National Forest System Boundary is a legislatively set boundary — it is not necessarily the boundary of Forest Service property. State, private and other lands within the National Forest System Boundary are not open to hunting during this season. (Please refer to a U.S. Forest Service map for the location of this boundary.) “Private fields on which cultivated crops are currently growing” is defined as: fields on which soil has been used or broken up for the raising of crops, and artificially irrigated pasture. “Currently” means during the current or most recent growing season. Lands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside farm programs are specifically excluded.